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Applicant(s): Glen H. Erikson

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For:

NUCLEIC ACID BINDING ENHANCEMENT BY CONJUGATION WITH NUCLEOTIDES, NUCLEOSIDES, BASES AND/OR THEIR ANALOGUES

<u>PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME</u>

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Sir:

Applicants hereby petition for a two-month extension of time for responding to the Rejection dated July 26, 2004, up to and including December 26, 2004, for the purpose of permitting the timely filing of the enclosed Amendment.

Authorization to charge the additional fee of \$225.00 for the two-month extension of time for a small entity, and/or any additional fees associated with this Petition For Extension of Time, is granted in the attached Fee Transmittal Form.

Respectfully submitted,

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Please charge or credit our Account No. 03-0075 as necessary to effect entry and/or ensure consideration of this submission.

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